

REMARKS

Claims 11 to 19 remain in the case.

With this amendment, Applicant has canceled Claims 1 to 9 which were directed to a method for the treatment of pig manure. Claims 11 to 19 remain in the case with these claims being directed to a method for the use of quarry fines.

Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 11 to 19 is respectfully requested on the grounds that the method now claimed is not suggested by either of the references cited by the Examiner. Indeed, there is nothing within the four corners of either of these references which would suggest the method defined by Applicant.

US Patent 5,993,503 to Kruidhof does not mention that one could use quarry fines for the treatment of pig manure. The present application clearly defines this method and Applicant thus adds value to quarry fines which would otherwise be considered waste.

Similarly, the secondary reference of US Patent 6,773,594 to van der Wijngaart fails to teach a method for the use of quarry fines.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file clearly and patentably define over the cited art.

Reconsideration of the objection to Claim 15 on the grounds that it constitutes new matter is respectfully requested. In the Disclosure, there is no suggestion of any pre-treatment of the quarry fines. If such pre-treatment was required, then in the

interest of full disclosure, such information could be presented. Backing such information, it is believed to be logical to assume that no such pre-treatment existed.

It is now believed that this application is in order for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

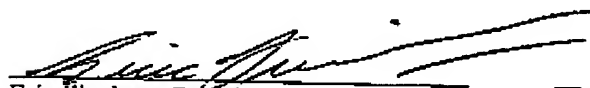
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